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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 4865-133
Serial No. 10/693,425	Filing Date October 24, 2003	Examiner not yet assigned	Group Art Unit not yet assigned
Inventor(s) Thomas D. Nixon, et al.			
Title of Invention BORON CARBIDE-BASED CERAMIC MATRIX COMPOSITES			

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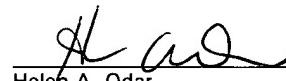
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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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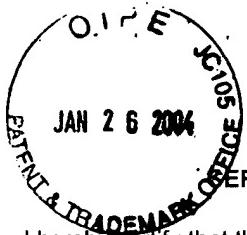

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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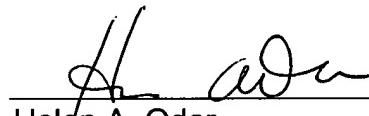
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
A1	4,790,052	06/23/86	Orly		
A2	4,815,572	07/24/87	Froberg, et al.		
A3	4,886,682	12/12/89	Singh et al.		
A4	4,889,686	12/26/89	Singh et al.		
A5	4,915,760	04/10/90	Singh et al.		
A6	4,931,311	06/05/90	Singh et al.		
A7	4,944,904	07/31/90	Singh et al.		
A8	4,981,822	01/01/91	Singh et al.		
A9	5,007,508	04/15/91	Lacombe		
A10	5,021,367	06/04/91	Singh et al.		
A11	5,043,303	08/27/91	Singh et al.		
A12	5,051,301	09/24/91	Singh et al.		
A13	5,067,998	11/11/91	Singh et al.		
A14	5,160,676	11/03/92	Singh et al.		
A15	5,217,770	06/08/93	Morris Jr. et al.		
A16	5,296,311	03/22/94	McMurtry et al.		
A17	5,312,660	05/17/94	Morris et al.		
A18	5,330,854	07/19/94	Singh et al.		
A19	5,376,427	12/27/94	Singh et al.		
A20	5,387,299	02/07/95	Singh et al.		
A21	5,407,734	04/18/95	Singh et al.		
A22	5,432,253	07/11/95	Singh et al.		
A23	5,436,042	07/25/95	Lau et al.		
A24	5,480,678	01/02/96	Rudolph et al.		
A25	5,484,655	01/16/96	Lau et al.		
A26	5,515,585	05/14/96	Sheehan et al.		
A27	5,546,850	08/20/92	Ronyak et al.		
A28	5,581,857	12/10/96	Sheehan et al.		
A29	5,643,514	07/01/97	Chwastiak et al.		
A30	5,662,855	09/02/97	Liew et al.		
A31	5,688,577	11/18/97	Smith et al.		
A32	5,740,593	04/21/98	Sheehan et al.		
A33	5,792,715	08/19/98	Duval et al.		
A34	5,817,432	10/06/98	Chwastiak et al.		
A35	5,840,221	11/24/98	Lau et al.		
A36	5,853,485	12/29/98	Rudolph et al.		

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A37	5,858,890	01/12/99	Sheehan et al.		
A38	5,869,411	02/09/99	Bazshushtari et al.		
A39	5,878,849	03/09/99	Prunier, Jr. et al.		
A40	5,908,792	06/01/99	Sheehan et al.		
A41	5,945,062	08/31/99	Chwastiak et al.		
A42	6,029,327	02/29/00	Sheehan et al.		
A43	6,237,203	05/29/01	Sheehan et al.		
A44	6,309,703	10/30/01	Wapner et al.		
A45	6,405,417	01/18/02	Sheehan et al.		

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>	
A46	R.W. Froberg and B.A. Grider, "High Friction Carbon/Carbon Aircraft Brakes," 40 th Int. SAMPE Symp. 05/08/95, Extended Abstracts, pages 942-944	
A47	W. Krenkel "CMC Materials for High Performance Brakes," ISTA Conference on Supercars, Aachen 10/31 – 11/04/94 (paper from the German Aerospace Research Establishment Institute of Structures and Designs), Stuttgart, Germany	

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